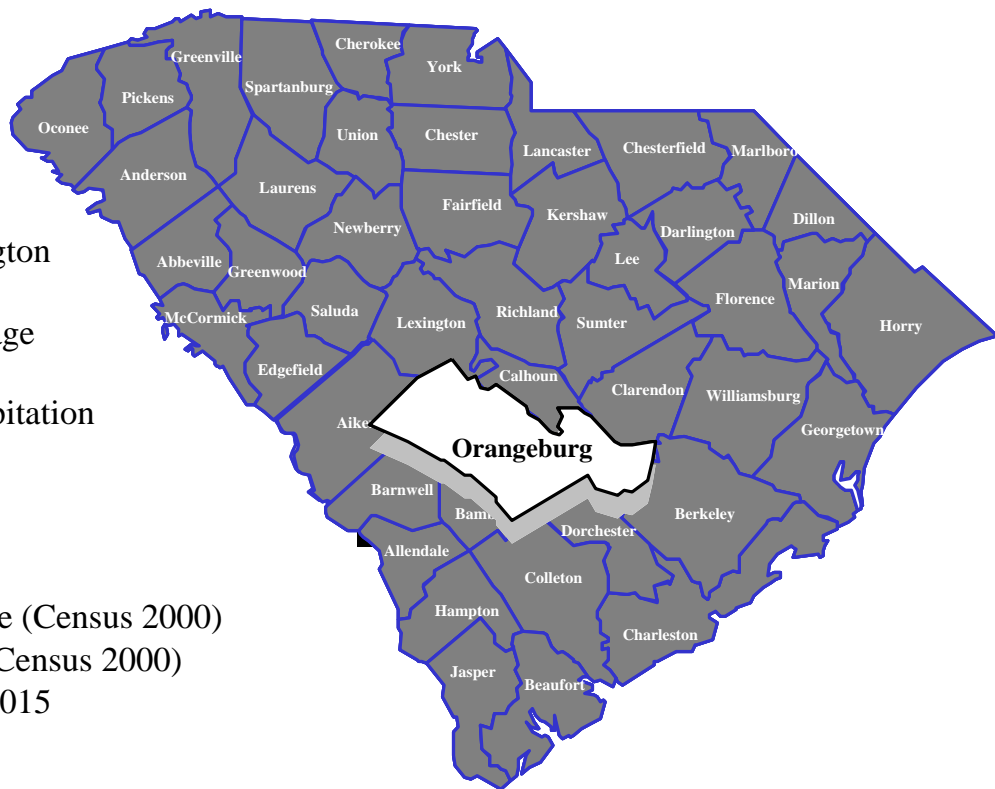


Spotlight on Orangeburg County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the central area of the state
- Surrounded by Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell, Berkeley, Calhoun, Colleton, Dorchester, and Lexington counties
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 63.5 degrees and experiences 47.5 inches of precipitation annually



Population

- 90,779 in 2004
- 37.2% white and 62.8% nonwhite (Census 2000)
- Median age was 35.3 years old (Census 2000)
- Estimated growth of 97,200 by 2015

Labor Force

- Decreased from 41,497 in 2003 to 39,995 in 2004
- Unemployment rate fell from 9.9% in 2003 to 9.4% in 2004

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the county was 36,237 in 2004, compared to 36,670 in 2003

Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the county was \$22,325 in 2003
- It was 85% of the state's PCI of \$26,144

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Orangeburg Workforce Center, which serves Bamberg, Calhoun and Orangeburg counties, paid \$9,736,930 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2004.

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